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SUBJ: EMERGENCY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT

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1. BELIEVE THAT CONVEYANCE OF INFO IN PARA 3 REFTEL TO ANSARY WILL RESULT IN CLOSE QUESTIONING ABOUT ACTUAL GOE IMPORT NEEDS IN REMAINDER OF CY 1975 AND HOW THESE NEEDS ARE TO BE MET. FOR EXAMPLE, OUT OF GLOBAL FIGURE OF APPROXIMATELY \$800 MILLION, HOW MUCH IN DOLLAR TERMS WILL BE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES SUPPLIED BY US THROUGH PL-480? FURTHER, WHAT IS BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR CATEGORY OF OTHER IMPORT NEEDS AND POSSIBLE SOURCES OF SUPPLY? IF GOI WILLING TO MAKE ITS ASSISTANCE UNCONDITIONAL AS TO RANGE OF GOODS AND/OR SUPPLY OF SOURCES, CAN IT REALISTICALLY EXPECT TO BE SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF GOE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS. IF IT APPLIES SAME RESTRICTIONS AS US TO ITS ASSISTANCE, I.E. QTE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS FROM IRAN AND NON-COMMUNIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNQTE HOW EFFECTIVE WILL ASSISTANCE BE IN MEETING GOE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS? FINALLY, WHAT IS NATURE OF GOE OVERDUE FOREIGN COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS, AMOUNTS INVOLVED, AND THE SOURCE AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH

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SUCH CREDITS USED?

2. WE WILL OF COURSE URGE THAT GOI BE AS LIBERAL AS
POSSIBLE IN PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE BU T FEEL
IT LIKELY THAT IT WILL BE INCLINED TO TAKE MUCH THE
SAME POSITION USG IS TAKING IN THIS MATTER AND APPLY
THE SAME LIMITATIONS. IT WILL BE AS INTERESTED AS ANY-
ONE IN MAXIMIZING ECONOMIC RETURNS FROM THIS ESSENTIALLY
POLITICAL GESTURE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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